

Lt. Governor Garamendi to Receive 2009 Glenn Seaborg Award at Cal Game

BERKELEY -- Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi, a three-year letterman for the Golden Bears from 1963-65 and a public servant, elected official for more than 30 years, has been chosen as the 2009 recipient of the Glenn T. Seaborg Award. He will receive it during the Cal vs. USC game on Saturday, October 3.

The award, named after the former University of California chancellor and 1959 Nobel Prize-winning scientist, is presented annually to a former Cal football player for his career accomplishments by Cal's football alumni association – the Sons of California.

The game starts at 5:00 p.m. at Cal's Memorial Stadium. The award will be given during the first or second quarter of the Cal v. USC game (around 5:45 p.m.). Address is 210 Memorial Stadium, Berkeley, CA

As an offensive guard for the Cal football team, Garamendi was a two-time All-Pac-8 choice, earning first-team recognition in 1965. He was also selected a second-team All-American and Academic All-American during his collegiate career. Garamendi received Cal's Andy Smith Award for most playing time in 1964. After his senior season, he played in the East-West Shrine Game.

In addition to his football career, Garamendi was the West Coast heavyweight wrestling champion while a student at Cal.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in business administration at Cal, Garamendi served in the Peace Corps in Ethiopia from 1966-68 before earning his MBA from Harvard.

Currently California's Lieutenant Governor, Garamendi first served in elected office as a member of the California Assembly from 1974-76 before moving on to the State Senate from 1976-91. Garamendi served as California's Insurance Commissioner from 1991-95 and again from 2002-06. He joined President Clinton's administration as deputy secretary with the U.S. Department of the Interior from 1995-98.

Established in 1995, the Seaborg Award has been presented to 14 recipients. Past winners are:

1995 - Rod Franz
1996 - John Najarian, M.D.
1997 - John Ralston
1998 - Les Richter
1999 - Vic Bottari
2000 – Pete Schabarum
2001 - Ed Bartlett
2002 - Ray Willsey
2003 - Jack Hart
2004 - Bob Karpe
2005 - Harry Agler
2006 - Chris Markey
2007 - George Stathakis
2008 - Nick Veliotis